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The President's Report

What bliss it has been since the last general meeting to be able to relax in the relative quiet of the clubrooms on a Saturday or Thursday. No noisy sanding by Clem VK3BVI and Charlie VK3DCS (and believe me Charlie's sander is quite an experience), no hammering by Geoff VK3ADB, Neil VK3KQQ or Bob VK3BNC, and no splashing of paint by Reg VK3CAZ, Dick VK3LDC, Ron VK3PRJ and the YLs. For those who have not yet visited the club rooms recently, the painting of the meeting area is completed, the carpet is down and the heater installed. There are curtains and lampshades, and in the bathrooms – shower curtains. For those who may be unaware we are blessed with YLs whose skills at scrounging are unsurpassed, and what was not scrounged was made. Well done Shirley and Shelagh. Our appreciation to Clem VK3BVI for the magnificent clock, to Norm VK3LBA for the electric jug, and to Jeff VK3PAP for the signage. Even the garden looks great thanks to hard work by Bob VK3BNC and Betty, and to contribution of plants by our next door neighbour. I have discovered that Bob VK3BNC and Doug VK3KAY have many skills – Pyromania being one of them, but at least the grounds now look presentable and ready for action. There is still much more to be done around the clubrooms, but it is time to consider "what next" hence

THE CHALLENGE

Through all of these modifications Radio has not been forgotten, though it has possibly been taken a secondary place. An antenna system for the club needs to be planned.

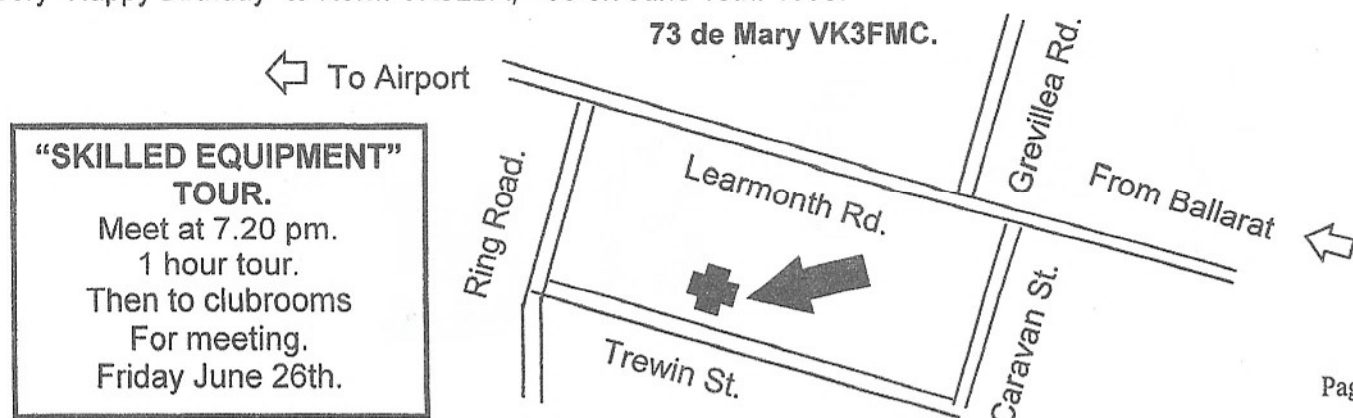
YOUR IDEAS ARE REQUIRED. To assist, a ground plan of the area and a current list of available equipment is included on Pages 7 & 8 of this newsletter. Please give the matter serious consideration. We look forward to receiving your suggestions.

The auction of pre-loved goodies, which overflowed the trestles provided by Charlie VK3DCS and Doug VK3KAY, was the usual marathon effort, with Bob VK3BNC, Tom VK3DMK and Murray VK3AAI ensuring that all those who generously contributed to the sale also returned home with their car boots full. Geoff VK3ADB did a great job on the B.B.Q.. Many thanks to all who assisted.

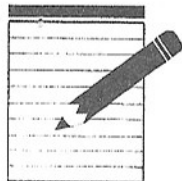
The feedback on the auction has been very positive. The highlight, the opening by Flois Fowler, will long be remain in our memory.

The next meeting will commence with a visit to "Skilled Equipment Manufacturing" Trewin St, a continuation of Caravan St. which runs off to the west of Gillies St. This firm, which was one of the nominations in the recent Business awards, constructs and modifies bodies for various types of emergency vehicles.

It is planned to have a spit roast dinner at the clubrooms on the evening of Saturday August 22 nd. How about giving the YL a night out ! Would those interested make contact with Secretary Geoff VK3ADB. "Welcome Back" John VK3CFH, and finally it would be remiss of me not to say, on behalf of all members a very "Happy Birthday" to Norm VK3LBA, - 65 on June 13th. 1998.



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The Minutes



MINUTES OF MAY MEETING HELD ON 29TH. MAY 1998

President Mary VK3FMC warmly welcomed members and guests to the inaugural meeting of the group at our newly refurbished club rooms and echoed the surprise of those present at the transformation. New paint, new carpet, new curtain, new heater, new signs, new lamp shades – Wow !! Heartfelt thanks to all involved in making this a facility to be proud of.

Mary then expressed best wishes to those unable to attend due to illness and apologies were accepted on behalf of the following members:

APOLOGIES: VK3's:

Ted NIZ. Gordon FGC. John CFH. Jim CFB, Fred GMM, Daryl XDQ, Wendy HWK, Norm LBA, Val.
Moved CAZ Sec. DCS.

MINUTES: Were presented by ADB and confirmed as circulated in Newsletter.

Moved ADB Sec. DCS.

BUSINESS ARISING: Deferred to General Business by President Mary FMC.

CORRESPONDENCE:

MAGAZINES: AR Magazine. QST

NEWSLETTERS: EMDRC, Illawarra HBARC. WANSAC, Capricornia ARC.

MAIL: CHARC Tasmania.

Award Info.

Gippsland Gate Hamfest.

Silverdale 3rd edition of Swainstons (\$54.95)

Ballarat Paging.

Geelong A.R.G. - Happy 50th Anniversary !

TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer Murray VK3AAI moved that the following accounts be passed for payment :

Lawrence and Hanson	Electrical – ClubRooms	\$ 71.15
Mary Curnow	Tea towels – Club Rooms	\$ 7.15
BBQ Galore	B.B.Q. - Club Rooms	\$ 368.00
BOC Gases	LPG – BBQ - Club Rooms	\$ 14.00
Ballarat C.C.	3 months rent – Club Rooms	\$ 150.00
Mary Curnow	Vinyl / Wood - Club Rooms	\$ 12.80
Graeme Wright	Heater - Club Rooms	\$1247.00
W.I.A.	Call Books	\$ 118.35

Moved AAI Sec. CAZ

REPORTS:

SCRAMBLE: Chaos still reigns.

Tnx Reg

EDUCATION: Keen Students.

Tnx Tom.

NET: 13 check – ins (Superstitious number ?)

Tnx Clem.

WESTERN ZONE: Once again 10 to 12 on Freq. Net pleased to welcome VK3AKW one of our western zone pioneers at 92 yo.

Tnx Dick.

TECHNICAL: New TNC from MPRG has arrived by post. Rx in linking equipment still presenting problems.

MOTION – That Rx in Dormat Equip at Mt William be used to bring Melbourne link on line to RPC. And new Rx will be purchased later when update of Mt William link is brought into operation.

Moved Tom DMK Sec Bob BNC.

MEMBERSHIP:

Application from Fred VK3HFW endorsed by meeting. A warm welcome Fred. Great to have your company.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

* Many thanks to Central Highlands Sign Writing for Streetsigns. Club to run Adv. In Newsletter as a "thank you".

* Memorial Garden to be established for S.K's. Bud AAP Bourke to organise.

* Thanks Clem BVI. We appreciate your donation of the clock.

* Proposal to proceed with establishment of Antenna Farm – List of available Equip. Antennae to be published.

* Thanks Murray AAI. We will put your donated tower to good use.

* Watch out for Doug VBA. He will be around to your shack and "snap" you for posterity.

* See ad on notice board for TNCs from VK3GFW.

* Auction tomorrow. Bob BNC to carry out star role as Auctioneer.

* 7.20 pm June 26th. Excursion to "Skilled Engineering" Trewin St. (Ex CFA workshop.)

MOTION: That an "Amenities Sub-Committee" be appointed from among the ladies. Envisaged to be of four in number, with the power to co-opt further expertise when required. Moved Reg CAZ Sec. Mary FMC.

Shirley, Shelagh, Mary and Betty were nominated.

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MEETING CLOSED AT 8.55 PM. NEXT MEETING JUNE 26 TH.

President Mary welcomed Les and John from the "Friends of the Paddle Steamers" Society .
Who would have thought that there were 23 paddle steamers plying their trade on the lake at the one time, and the record crossing time was 17 minutes. A great presentation. Thanks Fella's.

FINALLY,: I once shot an elephant in my Pyjamas ! How it got in my Pyjamas I'll never know. (Groucho Marks)

Cheers all. Have a great month. 73 de Geoffrey ADB.

P.S. Who is the 65 year old Grandfather ? Congratulations !

A SOCIAL OCCASION.

SATURDAY AUGUST 22 ND. 1998

B.A.R.G. Clubrooms



SPIT ROAST – SWEETS ETC.

AND

ENTERTAINMENT !!

\$13.00 PER PERSON

(To be paid by July 31 st 1998)



IT ONLY SEEMS LIKE YESTERDAY
BUT

IT'S NEARLY THAT TIME AGAIN !!

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS TO
B.A.R.G.

BECOME DUE ON JULY 1 ST.
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Membership \$25.00
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Microphone Yaesu YD 148	\$ 50.00
Icom IC 2GA VHF FM Handheld 5W (2 spare battery packs & charger	\$300.00
Morse Key - Hi Mound HK 708	\$ 30.00
Power Supply - Regulated 20A 0-15V Dick Smith D3800	\$200.00
Transverter VHF 2M / SSB / AM/ CW / FM Europa - B 50W.	\$ 50.00
2M RF Amplifier Solid State PV 35 FM Only - Dick Smith D2515	\$ 80.00
Yaesu World Clock	\$ 35.00
Co-Axial Switch - Barker & Williamson Ground Shorting Type 590G	\$ 50.00
Co-Axial Switch - 3 position - 2 off	\$ 10.00
SWR Bridges Type 175 - Also Type 171	\$ 10.00
Low Pass Filter - Diawa FD 30 M	\$ 30.00
Dummy Load HF 50W Home Brew	\$ 10.00
Icom 728 HF Transceiver - Hand Mike FM Module	\$950.00
Rotator & Controller - Diawa DC 7055	\$300.00
Antenna Coupler - Tokyo Hy-Power Labs Type HC 500A	\$ 75.00
Power Supply 13.8V 4A	\$ 40.00
40 Channel CB Radio - Dick Smith D1200 - New	\$ 60.00
Batteries - 12V Gel	\$ 20.00
ANTENNAS	
Cushcraft Ringo Ranger ARX-2	\$120.00
Mobile Outbacker -Terlin 40 / 80 M	\$ 90.00
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THE INAUGURAL GEORGE FOWLER MEMORIAL AUCTION & B.B.Q.

A better function could not be found for the first social day to be held at our newly refurbished club rooms. The rooms have undergone a transformation in the past months. New carpet, curtains, light fittings, clock, gas heater, remodeled and relocated kitchen and all been given a lick of Haymes Paint. These rooms now can truly be called Ham Heaven, fulfilling the dreams of a large number of members.

Trestles were arranged around the room and a fine selection of pre-loved treasures started to find their way in for perusal. A few deals were clinched, even before our new gas B.B.Q. was christened. Chef Geoff ADB did a wonderful job on the end of the tongs, sausages and onions never tasted so good. At the end of the lunch, the crowd coming up to 50 by now, settled into the available chairs and viewed what then looked like the Christies auction rooms. Our President Mary welcomed all and gave a special welcome to Flois Fowler, our guest of honour for the day. Flois said a few lovely words about the club rooms and what this day would have meant to George.

Our auctioneer for the day Bob BNC had surely taken lessons from Leonard Joel in Melbourne. His bright and breezy handling of the bidders, together with his colourful description of the articles under the hammer, ensured that Murray AAI had a busy time counting up the money and keeping track of the successful bidders.

There was a very comprehensive spread of gear ranging from the 1930s breadboards, WW2 surplus, old home-brew valve gear, domestic TV and radios, mystery boxes, commercial communications, and equipment right up to nearly present day computers. It was a very fine selection. Even when the Auctioneer finally put down his hammer and all the bills were paid there was still bits to be swapped by members.

By late afternoon some cars drove away from the rooms pretty low to the ground.
It is also great to see our hobby being supported by our patient XYLS.

We all had a most enjoyable day

73 de Clem VK3BVI.

PLEASE NOTE – OCTOBER MEETING

The October General Meeting will be brought forward to the 23 rd October

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THE CHALLENGE

As mentioned in "The Presidents Report" your help is required in regard to antennae systems to be set up at the clubrooms. A ground plan of the club room is shown over page, thanks to Charlie VK3DCS, and the details are set out below.

REQUIRED.

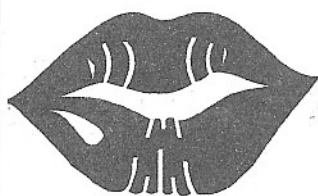
Suggestions for Antennae systems for 2 M, 6 M, and all HF 10 to 160 M.

EQUIPMENT ON HAND.

- 3 Monoband Antennas - 10M, 15 M, 20 M.
- 1 5 Element beam - 2 M.
- 1 80 M Dipole
- 1 40 M Dipole
- 1 Tower - Needs Guys.

* Is this adequate? Have you any suggestions or ideas re alternatives?

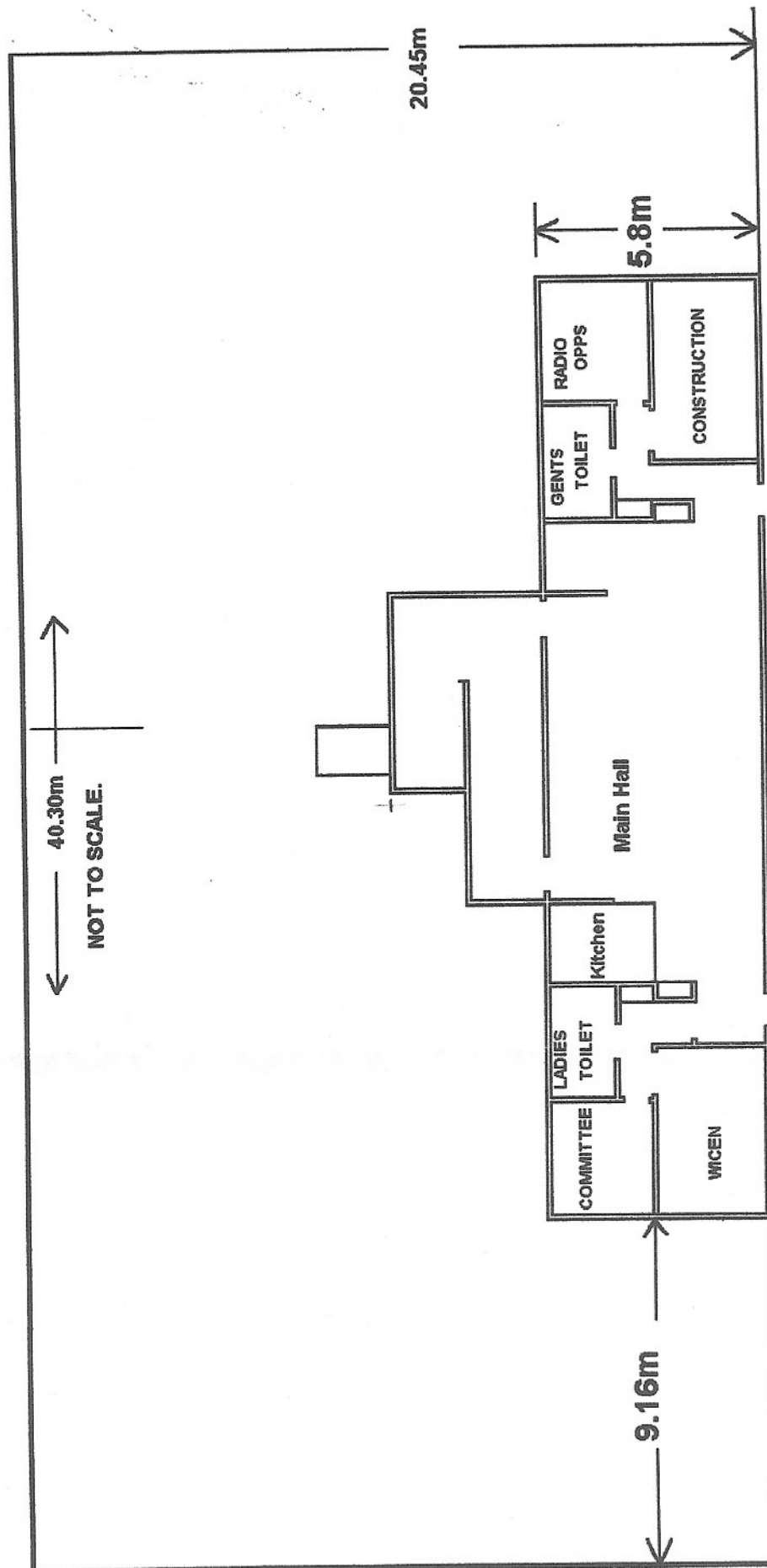
PLEASE BRING YOUR SUGGESTIONS TO THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING - TNX.



Have you Heard ?

The B.A.R.G. Hamvention '98
will be held at
THE BALLARAT SHOWGROUNDS
October 24th and 25th 1998.

B.A.R.G. CLUB ROOMS - "HAM HEAVEN"



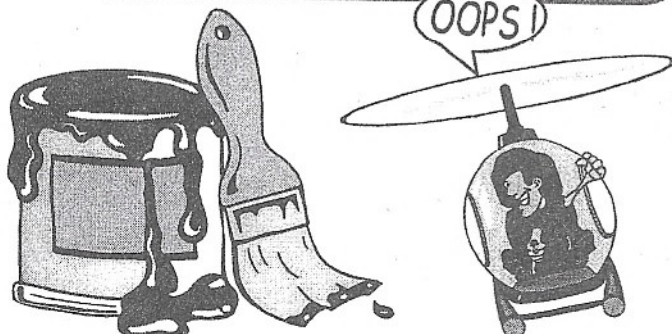
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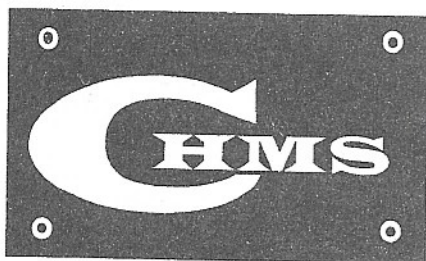
WINDSCREEN WASHER
CONCENTRATE
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COMING EVENTS.



Friday 26 th June – 7.20 pm Tour of “Skilled Equipment” then General Meeting

1 st July – BARG Subs Due.

Saturday 22nd August – Spit Roast with Entertainment !

Friday 28 th August – Annual Meeting.

Friday 25th September –General Meeting

Friday 23rd October General Meeting – Note: Brought Forward from 30th Oct.

Sat./Sun. 24th & 25th October – Hamvention 98.

Monday Nights – Construction Nights.

Sunday Nights. 2M Scramble - 6.50pm. 146.425 to 146.600 MHz.

Thursday Nights- Club Net - 3.610 MHz. - 8pm (8.30pm in Daylight Saving)

4th. Wednesday each month -WICEN Training nights.

Thursdays 2 pm – Daytime get together – Clubrooms.

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